

WARNINGS - DRILL DAY

Today is our State-Wide Tornado Warning Drill Day. The National Weather Service will issue Test Tornado Warnings between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and again between 7:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. It's everyone's job in these drills to test your tornado plans, seeking safe shelter areas. Review your actions, and amend your safety plans if needed.

Here's a look at everyone's role in the warning process...

- You...Be a Force of Nature!
 - Take Action: be an example for others, taking cover, along with your pets, in designated storm resistant locations
 - Monitor sources for emergency information
- The National Weather Service...
 - Issues official Warnings when dangerous, damaging weather is imminent
 - Activates NOAA All-Hazards radio and the Emergency Alert System, sounding alarms on radios, media stations, and pre-set electronic devices
 - Receives damage reports from spotters and relays reports to the media
- Local Officials...
 - Sound sirens; deploy responders to damage areas
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security...
 - Activates Emergency Operations Center, coordinates with local officials
 - Deploys personnel or resources to damage areas upon local requests
- The American Red Cross...
 - May deploy to the IDHS Emergency Operations Center
 - May deploy staff to damage areas
 - Take cover in designated storm resistant locations
- The Media...
 - Broadcasts NWS warnings live; TV also crawls text messages
 - TV Meteorologist's enhance detail's on locations threatened
 - Report Live from damage areas or broadcast calls from spotters



